



Climate United Performance Standards for Multifamily Housing

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Background

CPC Climate Capital, a new subsidiary of the Community Preservation Corporation (CPC), seeks to bring the benefits of cleaner air, healthier buildings and lower operating costs to the residents of multifamily buildings by offering financial support for the pre-development, retrofit and construction of highly efficient and low to zero carbon multifamily buildings.

To qualify for financing, proposed projects must meet minimum building performance standards as described below.

Climate United Building Performance Standards

Qualifying properties must be a multifamily property with five units or more AND meet one of the building performance standards below:

Existing Buildings

1. **Save a Ton:** Achieving this standard requires a substantial reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (i.e., modeled 20% reduction in whole building energy consumption OR 1 ton carbon reduction per unit annually). In addition to completing the upfront work required to achieve this reduction, the building must establish a Zero Over Time (ZOT) plan which lays out the building's pathway to achieving the Clean Air standard detailed below. While funding cannot be used for projects that install new fossil fuel systems and appliances, owners will not have to remove existing fossil fuel systems if the ZOT plan addresses their future elimination.
2. **Clean Air:** Achieving this standard requires both a substantial reduction of GHG emissions (i.e. modeled 35% reduction in whole building energy consumption OR a modeled Energy Star Score of 75 or higher, if applicable) **and** elimination of all on-site carbon emissions. Replacement of heating/cooling and domestic hot water systems and electrification of appliances must meet relevant EPA Energy Star requirements.

3. **Clean Air Boost:** Must meet the Department of Energy's (DOE) definition of a [Zero Emissions Building](#). Achieving this standard requires a modeled 35% reduction in whole building energy consumption OR modeled Energy Star score of 75 or higher AND eliminates all on-site carbon emissions AND is powered solely by renewable/clean energy (from onsite and offsite sources). On-site clean energy is encouraged to be maximized before procuring off-site clean energy. Replacement of heating/cooling and domestic hot water systems and electrification of appliances must meet relevant EPA Energy Star requirements.

New Construction

1. **Clean Air Boost:** Must meet the Department of Energy's (DOE) definition of a [Zero Emissions Building](#). By the definition, at a minimum, a zero emissions building must be energy efficient, free of onsite emissions from energy use, and powered solely from renewable/clean energy. On-site clean energy is encouraged to be maximized before procuring off-site clean energy.

Green Certifications

Green certifications that meet the Zero Emissions Building definition will also satisfy Climate United's multifamily performance standards. We will provide more information on existing green certifications that align with the performance standards.